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Celebrate Independence Day at FreedomFest 2007

FORT POLK, La. - With July 4th just around the corner, Fort Polk is gearing up for the largest fireworks display in the region - FreedomFest 2007 is set to take place Wednesday, July 4, at Headquarters Field, here.

FreedomFest begins at 5 p.m. with free, live musical entertainment beginning at 5:30 p.m. from Mustang Sally, singing some good-time rock 'n roll followed by Rockin' Dopsie, Jr. and the Zydeco Twisters at 7 p.m.

At dusk, the air will resonate with the sound of our National Anthem and the roar of a cannon salute in honor of each state. The night sky will light up with an awesome display of fireworks that's sure to take your breath away.

Admission is free and open to the public. Enjoy food and beverages from the many vendors. Games and plenty of inflatables will be available for the kids' entertainment. Picerne Military Housing will have a children's area, "Christmas in July" from 5-8 p.m.

Off post residents may enter the installation at any gate. Parking for the event is offered at the following locations with shuttle bus transportation departing every 15 minutes:

BJACH South Parking Lot

Soldiers Complex

Family Readiness Center

North Polk Elementary School

Library/Education Center

Perez Youth Sports Field

Bayou Theater

Sports America

AAFES Mini Mart

Corps Road will be closed from Highway 467 to Post Headquarters. Highway 467 from Corps Rd. to 3rd Street will be closed beginning at 1 p.m.

It's a Fourth of July FreedomFest to remember, complete with food, fun, free entertainment and fireworks! Please remember glass bottles, personal fireworks, pets and coolers are prohibited and all persons are subject to inspection.

Fort Polk's celebration of America's independence kicks off at 5 p.m., Bring your friends and family for an exciting, fun-filled day. For more information, please call 531-1959/1860.

The following MWR activities will be open for the July 4 holiday on Wednesday.

Stars and Strikes Bowling Center 1-9 p.m.

50- M Pool 12-5 p.m.

Shooting Complex 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Toledo Bend Recreation Site 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Warrior Hills Golf Course 7 a.m. – dusk (FreedomFest Scramble 8 a.m.)

Wheelock-Bayou Fitness Center 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

All other operations will be closed. For more information, please call 531-1860/1959.

See you at FreedomFest!

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Media wishing to cover the event should contact Samantha Evans at (337) 531-4630.

Food Vendors and Band bios are attached